



## **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Date: 5 September 2012

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Location: 104 Brown Building

TYPE OF MEETING		Quarterly Meeting		
FACILITATOR		Carol Ornitz, Chairperson		
ATTENDEES				
NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	
Council Members				Guests
James Amos	<input type="checkbox"/>	Latoya Lucas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sherry Abernethy Thomas, DPI
Jean Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Monnett III	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tara Heasley, NCCDD
Chip Baggett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Olson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Caroline Hexdall, CIDD
Dale Beatty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Ornitz, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Mendel
Josh Bloom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peggy Philbrick	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Murphy, DRNC
Cindy Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Preston	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heather McAllister, Gov's Inst.
Spenser Clark	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holly Riddle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Johnson, Eastpointe
Christine Craig	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Seidenspinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Harn
Alan Dellapenna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vicki Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marshale Waddell
Michiele Elliott	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beverly Speroff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dena Maluchnik
Sandra Farmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Swain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Thompson Forbes III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kenneth Wilkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Travis Glass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Winton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Kevin Guskiewicz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Wipperman	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marian Hartman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Linda Herbert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Staff to Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stephen Hooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joan Kaye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ken Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

### **1. Agenda topic: Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Minutes**

**C. Ornitz**

<b>Discussion</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Ornitz called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests who introduced themselves.</li> <li>Changes noted to the minutes from 13 June 2012: Guest List "Sherry Abernethy (not "Abernathy")" Section 7 "The 1915I <b>program</b> (not "waiver") will impact everyone who receives assistance in maintaining daily lives. DMA wrote the <b>proposal</b> (not "waiver")." Section 8 "The <b>Department</b> (not "Division") of Public Instruction is proposing a change in the definition of traumatic brain injury with regards to children in schools that TBI can also be caused by..." Footnote "Respectively submitted by Dena Maluchnik, <b>BIANC</b> (not "BINAC") &amp; Janice White, TBI Program Coordinator, DMH/DD/SAS."</li> <li>With the changes recommended, a motion was made by M. Hartman with a second by S. Farmer to accept the minutes with the revisions noted. All in favor with no opposition and not abstention, motion passed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Conclusions</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes to minutes were noted and adopted with changes.</li> </ul>	
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes will be posted on the web after the requested changes are made.</li> </ul>		Janice White	ASAP

**2. Agenda topic: Appointments****L. Herbert**

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terms for members and possible people to fill those terms were discussed: Christine Craig's position will be filled by Craig Fitzgerald (official) Brain Preston's position will be filled by either Diane Harrison or Helaine Bilos Ken Jones is eligible to be appointed to a second term Charles Monnett's position will be filled by Thomas Henson (pending) Steve Hooper's position will be filled by Caroline Hexdall (pending) Office of Emergency Medical Services position vacant due to resignation of G. Hale. New appointment will be made.</li> <li>Karen McCulloch &amp; Katrina Miller will become Co-Chairs of BIANC starting in January. K. McCullough will fill M. Hartman's position on the Council.</li> <li>The membership roster was passed around for corrections and to sign up for committees</li> <li>Ms. Ornitz would like to have Committee Co-Chairs and is looking for volunteers.</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are several terms ending and recommendations for who will fill those seats were discussed.</li> <li>Membership roster passed around for edits and additions.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff will continue to work on appointments and will update membership roster and committee list accordingly.</li> </ul>		J. White	ASAP

**3. Agenda topic: Division Update****J. White**

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janice White reported on the Division of MH/DD/SAS TBI program financial updates. Report shows most LME/MCO's are on target with expenditures. The addition of a line item showing total requests for the year and total shortages was implemented per Council's request.</li> <li>J. White and H. McAllister are gathering information to be able to present more detailed data to the Council. This will be useful for legislative visits in the new session.</li> <li>The Military Gap Analysis Report has been sent to the Department of HHS for final approval.</li> <li>The HRSA site visit in August was recapped. Rebecca Desrocher, Assistant Director of the TBI Program seemed happy with the visit and said she will send a short written report.</li> <li>Discussion around TBI training for Care Coordinators (CCs) at LME/MCOs. Would like to create a specific training for CCs. Other discussion included training across the state about Veterans, TBI 101 and pediatrics.</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council was informed on Division of MH/DD/SAS TBI Program financial report update.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact MCOs to inquire about TBI training plans for care coordinators</li> <li>Turn in all data requests to J. White</li> <li>Contact Division of Medical Assistance regarding Care Coordination training.</li> </ul>		S. Johnson All Council Members Janice White	ASAP ASAP ASAP

**4. Agenda topic: Seniors Health Insurance Program (SHIP)****K. Wilkins-NC Dept of Insurance**

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SHIIP is the Seniors' Health Insurance Information program which was created to counsel Medicare beneficiaries (seniors or the disabled) and their caregivers about navigation of financial services (Medicare, etc)</li> <li>There are 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries in NC.</li> <li>SHIIP also conducts Medicare fraud investigations.</li> <li>C. Ornitz announced that an ad hoc committee has been created to look at changes in insurance.</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SHIIP has been established to help senior citizens and the disabled navigate financial services. Questions may be directed to Kenneth Wilkins.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insurance Task Force will be formed</li> </ul>		C. Ornitz	12-12-12

**5. Agenda topic: Conference Updates-HealthCare Reform****C. Ornitz/J. Anderson**

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S. Farmer attended the Institute of Medicine Conference and reported on the topics discussed.</li> <li>J. Anderson and C. Ornitz attended the Patient Advocacy Leaders Summit and reported on that. Felt that it was very focused on mental health issues. Community Care NC and the concept of medical home were discussed as issues that will affect individuals with TBI in NC.</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of Council should continue to attend conferences when possible to bring back new information to the Council.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
None at this time			

**6. Agenda topic: Council Updates****C. Ornitz**

<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. Ornitz opened the meeting to discussion: Vicki Smith from Disability Rights NC (DRNC) brought up several points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NC General Assembly is focusing on business models and savings. Advocates must shift from personal stories to the economics of TBI.</li> <li>• The Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid (CMS) is looking into approving the new definition of Personal Care; if it does there are estimates that roughly 12,000 people will no longer receive this service. Consumers will have appeal rights and will be able to maintain services during the appeal process.</li> <li>• The new Innovations waiver does not prioritize for highest need consumers, nor does it cover all of those with low needs.</li> <li>• DRNC is the Protection and Advocacy agency for TBI; those with issues should call DRNC.</li> <li>• DRNC completed a survey of consumers. Over 860 responded with 536 completing the section on TBI.</li> <li>• A full report will be on the DRNC website.</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>	Disability Rights NC is the protection & advocacy agency for TBI in NC.		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	
None at this time.			

**7. Agenda topic: Committee Reports**

<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Health Services-</b> M. Elliott was not at the meeting. No report at this time. <b>Prevention-</b> Alan Dellapenna-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bicycle safety committees created to advocate for helmets, road courtesy, road design, etc.</li> <li>• The Injury &amp; Violence Branch is launching a Workforce Development Program.</li> <li>• Injury Free Academy-focusing on teen driving.</li> </ul> <b>Children &amp; Youth-</b> S. Hooper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Hexdall will take the Council slot filled by Dr. Hooper and will be heading the committee.</li> <li>• Online TBI curriculum is almost complete. Training will be broken into modules. It will be available through the Carolina's Institute on DD (CIDD) website.</li> <li>• Dr. Hooper reported that the Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury bill is still alive in the US Congress. NC will not sign on until some changes in language occur.</li> </ul> <b>Veterans-</b> L. Lucas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report is pending gap analysis</li> </ul> <b>Legislative-</b> S. Farmer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several active members will no longer be on the Council but have agreed to stay on the committee.</li> <li>• TBI Waiver is the biggest concern in the new session.</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>			
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative committee will continue ongoing advocacy.</li> </ul>	Legislative Committee	Ongoing	

**8. Agenda topic: Hope for the Home Front****Marshale Waddell**

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M. Waddell spoke to the Council about her organization, Hope for the Home Front. They "reach and restore all women touched by the life and service of a combat veteran through 'When War Comes Home Don't Retreat' weekends, seminars, publications, webinars, social networking, peer group support, and mentoring."</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M. Waddell presented to the council about Hope for the Home Front</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	
None at this time			

**9. Agenda topic: BI Special Ed Definition****S. Hooper**

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Public Instruction is proposing a change in the definition of traumatic brain injury with regards to children in schools to include that TBI can also be caused "by internal occurrence", medical and surgical treatments, and result from a series of events. They are not requesting a change in the wording of the law, but to change the regulation of the law. This will help to assist more students in the public schools by including ABI.</li> <li>• There will be a public comment period once these proposed changes are posted online.</li> <li>• DPI maintains a registry of school psychologists who have been trained about TBI.</li> <li>• CIDD is now organizing TBI School Psychologists Advisory Groups.</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council was updated on the requested changes to the definition of TBI with regards to children in schools.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	

None at this time		
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Ms. Ornitz thanked everyone for their participation. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectively submitted by Dena Maluchnik, BIANC & Janice White, TBI Program Coordinator, DMH/DD/SAS.